



FEDERAL LAND MANAGERS WORKSHOP

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SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2011 • HOLIDAY INN • MISSOULA, MONTANA

PURPOSE

- Initiate dialogue and identify strategies for effective landscape conservation by Federal Land Managers
- Strengthen relationships among Federal Land Managers in the Great Northern Area

OUTCOMES

- Status of America's Great Outdoor (AGO) Initiative, the Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative (GNLCC), and other Federal landscape programs
 - Brainstorm and identify strategies about how to create a system of connected Federal lands
 - Useful applications for emerging landscape tools and science products available to your staff
 - Recommended priorities for AGO, GNLCC, and other landscape initiatives and programs
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AGENDA

Wednesday, September 7—Day 1 (Parlor D Conference Room, Downstairs, Holiday Inn)

- 7:30 AM ** *Coffee, rolls available in the meeting room*
- 8:00 **Welcome** (Steve Guertin, US Fish and Wildlife Service Mountain-Prairie Regional Director— invited by phone)
- 8:15 **Workshop Purpose and Outcomes** (Scott Bischke, meeting facilitator)
- 8:30 **Roundtable Participant Introductions** (Scott, all)
- 9:00 **Large Landscape Conservation— A Framework for Policy and Action** (Matt McKinney, University of Montana Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy)
- 9:30 **Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative—An Overview** (Yvette Converse, GNLCC Coordinator, USFWS)

- 10:00 ** **BREAK**
- 10:15 **Sharing Insights on Federal Landscape Initiatives: A Panel Discussion** (moderated by Tom Olliff, GNLCC Coordinator, NPS)
- Overview of America’s Great Outdoors and priority ecosystems, USFS, FWS, NPS & BLM
 - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program and R1 IRPS, USDA Forest Service
 - Healthy Lands Initiative and Rapid Ecological Assessments, Bureau of Land Management
 - Inventory and Monitoring Program and Call to Action Strategy, National Park Service
 - Inventory and Monitoring Program and landscape programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - MT CAPS and Western Governors Association Crucial Habitats and Corridors Initiative, State of MT FWP
- 12 PM ** **LUNCH** *(On your own walking into Downtown Missoula. Please be back by 1:30 as we will attempt to start promptly. A map of restaurants is provided in your packet.)*
- 1:30 **Integrating Federal Lands into a Conservation Network—Session I** (led by Nina Chambers, GNLCC project contractor). Initially a full group discussion, followed by breaking out into 3 working groups for discussion of the following questions:
- (Full group) What **resources** are you concerned about that are impacted by landscape stressors? What would you identify as **priorities for a landscape approach**?
 - (Breakout groups) What are some **strategies** you would suggest **for coordinating across the landscape**? That is, for each of the priorities identified:
 - What needs to happen to address the priority at a landscape scale?
 - Why does it need to be addressed? (What is the need or problem we are responding to?)
 - How should we respond? What are some strategies or actions that can be effective?
 - (Breakout groups) What would **increase your ability to be successful**? Are there other strategies you think would be effective but are currently not available to you? What are they, and what would need to happen to access them?
- << Breakout group leaders will be Nina Chambers, Scott Bischke, and Molly Cross; breakout groups determined by the color folder attendees received upon arrival >>
- 4:00 **Report back from each of three teams on discussions** (10 min each, one rep from each breakout group)
- 4:30 ** **Adjourn**
- 5 PM **Social and evening BBQ at the Holiday Inn.** Please join us on the patio out back of the hotel, looking out toward the Clark Fork River, for a chance to meet and socialize!
- No host bar available at 5 PM.
 - Dinner (hamburger or veggie-burger, ice tea, salads, desert) begins at ~6:15 PM. Cost of \$15 per person to be collected on the patio.

Thursday, September 8—Day 2

- 7:30 AM **** *Coffee, rolls available in the meeting room***
- 8 AM **Welcome and review of the day ahead** (Scott Bischke)
- 8:15 **The Components of a Landscape Assessment Applied to Adaptive Management: A Discussion about Ongoing Landscape Analysis** (Yvette Converse and Tom Olliff)
- 8:35 **Demystifying the Jargon: Applying Scenario Planning, Vulnerability Assessments, and Adaptation Strategies** (Molly Cross, Wildlife Conservation Society)
- 9:00 **Opportunities to Use Science, Information, and Tools in Large Landscape Conservation** (Sean Finn, GNLCC Science Coordinator, USFWS)
- 9:30 **Using Real Downscaled Climate Information: No Duh or Gee Wiz?** (Steve Hostettler, USGS at Oregon State University)
- 10:00 **** *BREAK***
- 10:15 **I&M Remote Sensing Capabilities for Assessing Landscape-scale Vegetation Condition and Phenology** (Dave Thoma, National Park Service Inventory and Monitoring Program)
- 10:40 **Habitat Connectivity: Everybody's Doing It** (Mike Schwartz, USFS Aldo Leopold Institute)
- 11:40 **A Case Study in Landscape-scale Adaptive Management: Southern Crown Ecosystem**
- 12 PM **** *LUNCH* (provided; sandwich buffet served in the atrium directly outside the conference room)**
 SPEAKER: Ray Rasker, Headwaters Economics
 The Socioeconomics of Large Landscape Conservation
- 1:00 **Integrating Federal Lands into a Conservation Network—Session II** (Nina, Scott, Molly). Break out into 3 working groups for discussion of the following questions:
- What are some **strategies that are feasible and tangible** for participants to use these shared science products and tools, and contribute to them?
 - Are there **other issues or shared science and information priorities** that have not been addressed that should be? What are those, and what are some strategies to get them going?
- 2:00 **Roundtable Discussion of Results and Development of Recommendations**
Report back from each of three teams on discussions (5 min each, one rep from each breakout group). What **recommendations** would you pass on to the GNLCC and other landscape conservation efforts to increase their effectiveness?
- 2:45 **Summary Thoughts and Evaluation: Reactions from Participants**
- 3:00 **** *Adjourn* (please travel safely!)**